GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
RAILWAYS
LOK SABHA

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Audit Observation on Time and Cost Overruns
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Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether any audit observation has been made regarding the exceeding time and cost overruns in ongoing/pending railway projects in Madhya Pradesh; and

(b) if so, the reaction of the Government thereto?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS
(SHRI MANOJ SINHA)

(a) & (b): Ministry of Railways have been receiving audit observation of generic nature regarding delay and escalation of the cost of projects.

Besides availability of funds, completion of projects depends on many factors such as land acquisition, forestry and wild life clearances, shifting of services, construction of road over and road under bridges by road maintaining agencies etc. As most of these factors are not within the control of Railways, timelines for projects cannot be fixed, consequently time and cost overrun of ongoing projects cannot be estimated.
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